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SUBJECT: NEW CABINET ORGANIZED

SUMMARY: NEW CABINET HOLDS FIRST SESSION; WILL CONCENTRATE ON BOOSTING PRODUCTION AND IMPROVING UTILITIES. INEFFICIENT OFFICIALS, REGARDLESS OF RANK, TO BE DISMISSED. SEVEN CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE POLICY, APPARENTLY TAKING ON FUNCTIONS FORMERLY CARRIED OUT BY DEPUTY PM'S. END SUMMARY.

1. PM SALEM CONVOKED "NEW" CABINET MAY 10 TO ESTABLISH WORK PRIORITIES. ACCORDING PRESS, PM STRESSED CURRENT DIFFICULTIES ARE RESULT YEARS OF NEGLECT AND HE URGED COLLEAGUES CONCENTRATE ON BOOSTING PRODUCTION AND REPAIRING WORN OUT PUBLIC UTILITIES. SALEM CALLED FOR IMPROVED MANAGEMENT METHODS AND REPEATED SADAT'S ADVOCACY OF FIELD VISITS, SAYING HE HIMSELF WILL INSPECT MINISTERS' WORK ON THE SPOT. SALEM ALSO CALLED FOR CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND CENTER PARTY.

2. PRESS RESERVED HEADLINE TREATMENT FOR CABINET
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DECISION "BRING TO ACCOUNT" ANYONE FAILING CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES. INEFFICIENT OFFICIALS REGARDLESS OF RANK WILL BE DISMISSED.

3. FINALLY, CABINET ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING COMMITTEES TO RATIONALIZE WORK:

(A) HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, CHAIRED BY PM SALEM, INCLUDES MINISTERS OF RECONSTRUCTION AND LAND RECLAMATION. ONE OF COMMITTEE'S MAIN TASKS WILL BE EXECUTION OF "GREEN REVOLUTION" AND ESTABLISHMENT NEW CITIES.

(B) ADMINISTRATIVE REVOLUTION COMMITTEE, ALSO UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP PM SALEM. OTHER MEMBERS NOT LISTED.

(C) ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MINECON EL SAYEH, INCLUDES MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND PLANNING, VICE CHAIRMAN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY, DEPUTY MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND PLANNING, AND FIRST UNDERSECRETARIES OF MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, ECONOMY AND TRADE. COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTION ECONOMIC POLICY AND REFORM.

(D) PRODUCTION COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MINENERGY AHMED SULTAN. MEMBERSHIP NOT GIVEN.

(E) LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MINLOCAL GOVERNMENT MOHAMED HAMED MAHMOUD. MEMBERSHIP NOT GIVEN.

(F) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MINPEOPLES ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS FOUAD MOHIE EL DIN. MEMBERSHIP NOT LISTED.

(G) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MINJUSTICE AHMED MAMDOUH ATTIA. MEMBERSHIP NOT LISTED.

4. COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF PM'S HIGHER COMMITTEE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINECON'S ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IS OBVIOUSLY MOVE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY NOW THAT DEPRIM KAISSOUNI IS OUT. ROLE OF OTHER COMMITTEES--WHICH PROLIFERATE AT GOE LEADERSHIP LEVEL--IS NOT CLEAR, BUT ADMINISTRATIVE REVOLUTION GROUP, ALSO CHAIRED BY PM, COULD HAVE AFFECT ON ECONOMIC POLICIES BEING IMPLEMENTED. EILTS

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